

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:768  
ANSWERED ON:26.07.2001  
JURISDICTION OF FAMILY COURTS  
V. SAROJA

**Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government propose to extend the jurisdiction of family courts to cover certain offences under Indian Penal Code and offences under Child Marriage Restraint Act;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the amendments are likely to be made in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS & SHIPPING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) to (c) : The matter regarding extension of the jurisdiction of Family Courts to cover certain offences under the Indian Penal Code was considered in the Department of Justice. It was decided that the Family Courts being civil courts cannot handle matters relating to certain offences under the Indian Penal Code. Similarly, there is no such proposal, at present, under consideration of Government under the Child Marriage Restraint Act.